

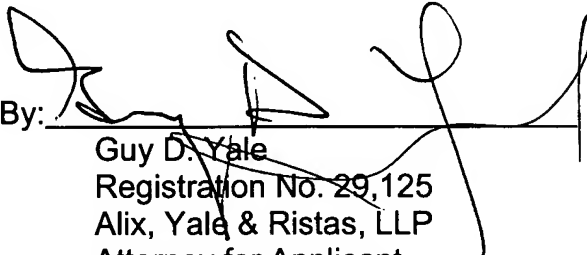
Upon entry of the amendment claims 1 through 20 will be pending for consideration.

Applicant requests that the amendments be entered prior to examination of the application and calculation of the filing fee.

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# Claims

1. A tool arrangement for binding an object, in particular a cable harness, by means of a band  $\text{[(8)]}$ ,  
5 the ends of which are guided through a lock  $\text{[(6)]}$ , for which there is provided in the tool a lock mount  $\text{[(2)]}$  which is provided with a sensor  $\text{[(15)]}$  for establishing the presence of a lock  $\text{[(6)]}$ , said sensor assuming a first sensing position in the absence of a lock  $\text{[(6)]}$  and a second sensing position in the presence of a lock  $\text{[(6)]}$ , wherein the sensor  $\text{[(15)]}$  assumes a third sensing position when the lock  $\text{[(6)]}$  contains a band  $\text{[(12)]}$ .  
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- 15 2. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lock  $\text{[(6)]}$  contains at least one detent  $\text{[(9)]}$  which interacts with the band  $\text{[(12)]}$ , is deflected out of a rest position in the presence of the band  $\text{[(12)]}$  and is sensed by the sensor  $\text{[(15)]}$ .  
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3. The arrangement as claimed in claim 1  $\text{[or 2]}$ , wherein, in addition to a part  $\text{[(30)]}$  which senses the band  $\text{[(12)]}$  and/or the detent  $\text{[(9)]}$ , the sensor  $\text{[(15)]}$  has a part  $\text{[(31)]}$  which senses the lock  $\text{[(6)]}$ .  
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4. The arrangement as claimed in claim 2  $\text{[or 3]}$  wherein the direction of the sensing movement of the sensor  $\text{[(15)]}$  essentially coincides with the direction in which the lock  $\text{[(6)]}$  is to be introduced into the lock mount  $\text{[(2)]}$ .  
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5. The arrangement as claimed in claim 3[or 4],  
wherein the sensor [(15)] is of multi-step design.

6. The arrangement as claimed in <sup>claim 1</sup>one of claims 2 to  
5, wherein the lock [(6)] has a through-passage [(28)]  
for the sensor [(15)].

7. The arrangement as claimed in <sup>claim 2</sup>one of claims 2 to  
6, wherein the lock mount [(2)] has fixing clips [(5)]  
for the lock [(6)].

8. The arrangement as claimed in <sup>claim 1</sup>one of claims 1 to  
6, wherein a blade [(35)] provided for cutting off  
one band end [(8)] serves as a stop for the other  
band end [(12)].

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